THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the existing policy, LPG facility is being provided in all areas of the country, under Marketing Plans, covering places with a population of 20,000 and above offering viable distributorships and subject to overall availability of the product, in a phased manner. Allotment of LPG distributorships is made through prescribed procedure of selection by Oil Selection Boards.

(c) Approximately 15.45 lakhs as on 1-1-1993.

(d) The number of potential LPG customers on the waiting lists maintained by the distributors in Tamil Nadu is about 9.53 lakhs as on 1-1-1993.

(e) Efforts are being made to release maximum possible number of new connections subject to the availability of the product.

Request from the GEB for Gas Supply to Power Station

1890. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has received any request from the Gujarat Electricity Board for the resumption of gas supply for its 135 MW gas-based power station;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made by Gujarat Electricity Board;

(c) what is the decision taken by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the matter; and

(d) by when the gas supply is likely to be resumed to Gujarat Electricity Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Gujarat Electricity Board had requested for resumption of supply of gas to the Uttran Power Station which had been interrupted as a result of non-payment of dues to ONGC.

(c) Gas supplies have since been resumed on part payment by GEB of ONGC's dues.

(d) Does not arise.

Clearance of Natural Gas Projects of Tripura

1891. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Natural Gas Projects for Tripura cleared so far;

(b) whether these will be set up in Public Sector or Private Sector;

(c) what progress has been made in getting the clearance to set up the industries; and

(d) by when the gas based industries are likely to come up there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) Approximately 1.75 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to various consumers in Tripura, including some power stations in the public sector, a CNG Project in the public sector, for domestic supply and some industries in the private sector.

Allotment of Gas to Power Projects in Gujarat

1892. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested to allocate natural gas for power projects to the Centre;

(b) if so, what is the latest position of the natural gas allotted for the power projects in Gujarat;

(c) what is the quantum of gas allocated for industries purpose;

(d) what is the quantum of natural gas available on the offshore gas fields; and